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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

#### AGENCY INFORMATION COLLECTION ACTIVITIES:

##### Screening Requirements for Carriers

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Department of Homeland Security

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice and request for comments; Extension of an existing collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning: Screening Requirements for Carriers. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before

[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER], to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESS:** Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Attn: Tracey Denning, Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade, 799 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC. 20229-1177.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Tracey Denning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade, 799 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC. 20229-1177, at 202-325-0265.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13). The comments should address: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology; and (e) the annual costs burden to respondents or record keepers from the collection of information (a total capital/startup costs and operations and maintenance costs). The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the CBP request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document CBP is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

**Title:** Screening Requirements for Carriers

**OMB Number:** 1651-0122

**Form Number:** None

**Abstract:** Section 273(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1323(e) the Act) authorizes the Department of Homeland Security to establish procedures which carriers must undertake for the proper screening of their alien passengers prior to embarkation at the port from which they are to depart for the United States, in order to become eligible for an automatic reduction, refund, or waiver of a fine imposed under section 273(a)(1) of the Act. To be eligible to obtain such an automatic reduction, refund,

or waiver of a fine, the carrier must provide evidence to CBP that it screened all passengers on the conveyance in accordance with the procedures listed in 8 CFR 273.3.

Some examples of the evidence the carrier may provide to CBP include: a description of the carrier's document screening training program; the number of employees trained; information regarding the date and number of improperly documented aliens intercepted by the carrier at the port(s) of embarkation; and any other evidence to demonstrate the carrier's efforts to properly screen passengers destined for the United States.

**Current Actions:** CBP proposes to extend the expiration date of this information collection with no change to the burden hours or to the information collected.

**Type of Review:** Extension (without change)

**Affected Public:** Carriers

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 65

**Estimated Time per Respondent:** 100 hours

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 6,500

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